THE 48TH CONGRESS.

Carlisle Elected Speaker of the House. Opening Scenes.

The first session of the 48th Congress began | titled prima facie to be sworn in pending a deat noon on Monday. At the House Democratic caucus, held on Saturday evening, which was called to order by General Rosecrans, nominations for the Speakership were of meeting shall be 12 o'clock. made as follows: John G. Carlisle, by Colonel Morrison, of Illinois; Samuel J. Randall, by ex-Governor Cartin, of Pennsylvania, and S. S. Cox, by General Slocam, of New York. The roll was called by States, and showed 105 votes

for Carlisie, 52 for Randalli, and 30 for Cox. Candidates for the cierkship were then placed in nomination, and, the viva voce method being still pursued, were voted for as follows; First roll-call John B. Clarke, of Missouri, 91; J. D. floral sword, the blade consisting of dark-red C. Atkins, of Tennessee, 93; Wm. Martin, of and the hilt of white flowers. Senator Riddle-Delaware, 5: total 189; no choice. Second berger's desk was covered by huge bouquets. vote-Clarke, 95; Atkins, 92; Martin, 2. Ex- Senator Lapham was presented with a fioral

vote and the nomination. sergeant-at-arms was then conferred upon John | lar design from "lowa."

P. Leedom, of Ohio, by acclamation. The next roll-call was for doorkeeper. It resulted in the choice of J. G. Wintersmith, of Texas, by a vote of 95, against 62 for C. W. by Rev. J. J. Bullock, chaplain. Field, of Georgia, and 20 for J. B. Colt, of Cin-

During the roll-roll it became apparent that dentials of Thomas W. Palmer, of Michigan, to L. Dalton, of Indiana, present superintendent succeed Senator Ferry; also, the credentials of of the document-room of the Senate, had a ma- O. F. Pike, of New Hampshire, to succeed Senajority, and without announcing the vote his | tor Rollins. The oath was then administered nomination was made unautmous.

monsiy nominated for chaplain.

it was unanimously resolved that the fourteen Maine, Hoar of Massachusetts, McPherson of crippled and disabled Union soldiers now borne on New Jersey, Manderson of Nebraska, Palmer the soldiers' roll under the doorkeeper of the of Michigan, Pike of New Hampshire, Plumb House of Representatives shall be retained on of Kansas, Sabine of Minnesota, Saulsbury of said roll, subject, however, to dismissal for a Delaware, and Wilson of Iowa, the remainder just and sufficient cause. The Republican members also held a caucus,

Congressman Parker, of New York, nomi- Bowen of Colorado. nated Hon. Geo. D. Robinson, of Massachusetts. Keifer, and all the old list of officers, with the dent that the Senate is ready for business were exception of the postmaster, who is not a can- agreed to, and a resolution was adopted that didate. The vote upon division stood 44 to 15. | 12 o'clock be the hour of meeting till further

ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE. room. The calling of the roll of members and | Ingalls the Senate adjourned. the balloting for Speaker occupied considerable time, and was necessarily somewhat monotonous. On the Republican side, Mr. Kasson, of Iowa, and Governor-elect Robinson, of Massachusetts, declined to answer to their names on transacted, but the following bills were introthe ballot for Speaker, although they were | duced: called three times. The Virginia Readjusters all voted for Keifer, and Mr. Yorke, the Inde- of pension law by removing certain limitations pendent Democrat from North Carolina, who | made in that act. was elected on the coalition ticket, voted for John S. Wise. Mr. Robinson received two Republican votes for Speaker. Mr. White, of teenth amendment to the Constitution. Kentucky, voted for Mr. Lacy, of Michigan, and Coi. Ochiltroe, the Independent Republireceived the solid Republican vote, and proba- bill to establish a postal telegraph system. bly regards bimself as thoroughly "vindi-

Mr. Carlisle, of course, received the solid Democratic vote. He walked to the Speaker's | cent. of the market value of the bonds. chair arm-in-arm with Messrs. Keifer and Randall, who acted as his escort by appoint- | Sherman, took a recess until 2:30 p. m., to allow ment of the clerk. He made his address the committee appointed to unite with the by friends and admirers in beautiful and ps- to perform that duty. triotic devices, covered the Speaker's desk.

THE NEW SPEAKER'S ADDRESS. Gentlemes of the House of Representatives; I thank you sincerely for the high honor conferred upon me by the vote just taken. To be chosen from the membership of a great body like this to preside | rules of the 47th Congress were adopted, to over its deliberations is a distinction upon which any citizen might properly congratulate himself, and I assure you that your kindness and partially are fully appreciated. At the same time I realize the fact that the position to which you have ason the discharge of its duties with a serious distrust of my espacity to meet in an acceptable menner the requirements of this office. I promise you, however, to devote to your service all the zeal and all the ability of which I am possessed.

Gentlemen, the maintenance of order on the floor is essential, absolutely essential, to the intelligent and systematic transaction of public business, and

The large addition to the membership of this House, resulting from the late apportionment of Representatives, makes this duty even more diffiably hope evenly to discharge the ordinary saily duties of this office. That you will obserfully cohave no doubt. But, gentlemen, I shall ask some-thing more of you than mere co-operation in the discharge of my duty. Assuring you of my earnest desire at all times to be just and impartial, still I cannot expect to avoid mistakes, and shall be com-

I am sure, gentlemen, that all mutters of legislaquire, and that your action upon them will be wise, conservative, and patriolic. Sudden and radmanded by some public emergency, and, in my opinion, under existing circumstances such changes would not be favorably received by any counterable autiber of those who have given serious attention to the subject. [Applause.] Many reforms are and oulstedly necessary, and it will be to Washington in a few days. your duty, after a careful examination of the whole subject in all its bearings, to decide how far they should extend, and when and in what manner they should be made. [Applause.] If there be any sure that they will be agreeably disappointed. Apdause. What the country has a right to expect is

sm ready to take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution and the laws and proceed to the complete organization of the flouse, [Applause.] The ironclad oath of office was then administered by Mr. Kelley, the oldest member of the House in continuous service, and Speaker Carliste called the House to order.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.

called, came forward and qualified.

signed by himself and the other State officers, number has ever been issued. and by a large number of citizens, protesting against the admission of Mr. Peters on the ters took the oath of office.

Whon Mississippi was reached, a brisk discustion arms over the admission of Mr. Man- The American Angler for December (from ning, whose certificate of election had not been | the Anglers' Publishing Co., New York,) conpresented to the Clerk of the House, and against | tains several articles upon topics of general whose claim to a seat ex-Speaker Keifer had | interest as well as those devoted especially to filed with the Clerk a statement showing that | the disciples of Walton-amongst them "A the opposition candidate (Gen. Chalmers) had | Study of the Adirondacks," and " Etchings on beaten him by 980 votes.

The certificate was read, and after a short discussion over the right of the Republicans to demand the reading of the other papers on file West Eaton, N. Y. in the Clerk's office, Mr. Converse offered a resolution reciting the fact that Van H. Manming bolds the certificate of the Governor of Mississippi, and providing that he be imme- River, Conn. detrly qualified as member from the second district of that State, without prejudice to final

right to the sent. The previous question was ordered on the fesolution-yeas, 162; nays, 128.

Mr. Calkins offered a resolution providing that the certificate of the Governor of Mississippi certifying the election of Mr. Manning to this Congress from the second district of that State, together with the certificate of the Secretary of State and all other papers in the hands of the Clerk of the House touching the right of Mr. Chalmers to a seat, be referred to a committee on elections, when appointed, with instructions to that committee to report without delay which of the parties, if either, is en-

cision on the merits of the case. Pending action, the House at 3:40 adjourned, after adopting a resolution that the daily hour

The Senate.

PLOWERS, BUT NO BUSINESS-SWEARING IN THE NEW SENATORS. There was a brilliant floral display in the Senate chamber at the hour of assembling on Monday. Senator Edmunds was the fortunate possessor of a bouquet more than twelve inches in diameter. On Senator Mahone's desk was a Congressman Clarke thus received a majority star elevated on a bed of flowers. Senator Blair had a basket of white flowers from the The caucus nomination for the position of | " N. W. T. U.," and Senator Wilson had a simi-

> At 12 o'clock sharp the United States Senate was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Edmunds, and prayer was offered

The President laid before the Senate the creleutials of re-election of James B. Beck, of Six nominations were made for postmaster. Kentucky, to succeed himself; also, the creto Senators Beck, Bowen, Cullom, Delph, and Rev. John S. Lindsay, paster of the Protestant | Frye, whose credentials were submitted last Episcopal church, George town, D. C., was unani- | session. Senator Anthony was not present. The iron-clad oath was then taken by Sena-On motion of General Slocum, of New York, thrs Beck of Kentucy, Bowen of Colorado, seconded by General Bosecrans, of California, | Cullom of Illinois, Dolph of Oregon, Frye of

taking the modified oath. The new Senaters are: Pike of New Hampand General Browne, of Indiana, nominated shire, Kenna of West Virginia, Gibson of Lou-General J. Warren Keifer, of Onio, as Republi- isiana, Colquitt of Georgia, Wilson of Iowa, nan candidate for Speaker. The nomination Riddleberger of Virginia, Sabine of Minnesota, was seconded by Congressman Thomas, of Palmer of Michigan, Cullom of Illinois, Manderson of Nebraska, Dolph of Oregon, and

The customary resolutions notifying the The vote resulted in the nomination of Gen. | House of the Representatives and the Presi-Deputy Postmaster McNair was nominated | notice. The Senate then took a recess of one hour, and on reassembling at I:30 the recess was extended to 3 o'clock.

Mr. Cariisle entered the hall only a very few At 3 o'clock the Senate was again called to minutes before the House was called to order, order, and there being no prospect of the House and when the time arrived to ballot for organization being completed in time to do Speaker he left, and went to the Speaker's | business in the afternoon, on motion of Senator

> Tuesday's Proceedings. BENATE.

In the Senate, on Tuesday, no business was

By Mr. Beck: A bill providing for the removal of all disabilities imposed by the four-By Mr. Edmunds: A bill to provide for the

further protection of colored citizens of the can from Texes, voted for Mr. Wadsworth, ol Uni ed States against violation of certain rights New York. With these exceptions, Mr. Keifer | secured to them by the Constitution. Also, a By Mr. Sherman: A bill to provice for the issue of circulation by national banking associations-allowing bills to be issued for 90 per At 1:50 the Sanate, on motion of Senator

continue in force for a period of two weeks. The nomination for minor officers being then in order, Mr. Geddes offered a resolution for the election of the following officers: For clerk, signed me is one of very great labor and responsi- J. B. Clarke, of Missouri; for sergeant-at-arms, bility, and while profoundly grateful to you for John P. Leedom, of Chio; for doorkeeper, J. this manifestation of your confidence, I shall enter G. Wintersmith, of Texas; for postmaster, Lycurgus Dalton, of Indiana; for chaplain, Rev. Dr. John S. Lindsay, of the District of

Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, offered a substitute for the election of the following: For clerk, E. postmaster, George McNier, of Minnesota; for chaptain, Rev. F. D. Power, of Virginia. The substitute was lost, and, the original

elected came forward and qualified. The form of drawing seats was then gone

The Organization of the Senate.

A caucus of Republican Senators was held pelled, therefore, frequently, no doubt, to rety on Tuesday morning, at which a resolution direct-the friendly fortecarance of gentlemen on both sides ing the chairman (Sherman) to amount a coming the chairman (Sherman) to appoint a committee of seven to revise and reorganize the nitters was adopted. Another resolution. tion presented during this Congress will receive | committees was adopted. Another resolution, from you such careful consideration as the magnitude and character of the interests involved re- officers of the Senate, was offered, and upon it some debate arose. While the question was pending the caucus adjourned. The chairman the commercial and industrial interests of the poor ple ought rever be made unless imperatively de- committee: Cameron (Wis.), Hoar, Ingalis, Miller (Cal.), Harrison, Hale, and Miller (N. Y.). The indications are that no steps towards reorganization will be taken until Mr. Anthony comes. It is hoped that he will be able to come

THE MAGAZINES.

who fear that your action on this or any other sub-get will accountly be injurious to any interest, or strong, is the most striking article in The Eng.

"Seme Forgotten Etchers," by Walter Arm-fied terms for those now outstanding. The turned out to be one of the most celebrated even afford reasonable churc for ainrin, I am quite lish Illustrated Magazine for this month, published by Macmillan & Co., of New York. It judgment as the better, is the enactment of a mancer without limit or reason, he has won is superbly illustrated by engravings copied strict economy in the administration of every De-partment of the Government just and equal taxa-tion for public purposes, a faithful observance of the limitations of the market value, in-ous regard for the rights and many other celebrated etchers of body of the people, in order than they may be pro-body of the people, in order than they may be probody of the people, in order that they may be pro-tected, as far as Congress has power to protect | magazine also contains an elaborately illus- | the belief that the adoption of this plan would | and rance on the | Soudan under Baker Pasha will number 3,000 | has encroachments from every direction. I trated article on Martin Lather, including a Windows can be done under the circumstances | portrait of him engraved by Theodore Knesing, surrounding us to meet this expectation ought to from the picture by Lucas Crauach, at Munich. But, gertiemen, without detaining you further, I | There are several other articles of value.

published by D. Lethrop & Co., Beston, surpasses | small percentage above the current market its usual high standard in the beauty and vari- price of silver of like fineness. ety of its illustrations. The most unique and attractive among the humorous ones are those War he dwells at length upon the importance illustrating the articles entitled "Some Curious | of maintaining the country's sea-coast defense, Cat Music" and the fable of the "Lion and the and also declares his belief that the encourage-Mouse," while those portraying the scenes in- ment of the State militia organizations by the The Strates were then called alphabetically, cident to "The Canadian Carnival," (a most | national Government would be followed by and the Representatives, as their names were interestingly written sketch by Dr. W. Geo. | very gratifying results, and would afford it in Beers,) are strikingly realistic. The number is sudden emergencies the aid of a large body of When Kaners was reached, Mr. Peters, a opened with a Christmas Day poem by Mary volunteers educated in the performance of Representative at-large from that State, was, E. Wilkins, and is followed by such a profusion | military duties. at the request of Mr. Springer, asked to step of interesting stories, holiday sketches, and aside. Mr. Springer stated that the Governor | poems, that we cannot undertake to enumerate of Kansas had forwarded to him a petition, them all. We can say, however, that no better

The Phrenological Journal for December gives ground that under the constitution and laws of Kannas he is inclinible to hold the office. He Kamas he is incligible to hold the office. He, of interesting articles for the student of phrenology. It is published by Messrs, Fowler & Wells, 763 Broadway, New York City.

a Salmon Stream."

Inclosed please find \$1 to renew my subscription to THE TRIBUNE.—O. L. Cook, Adjutant, Post 268, Inclosed please find \$1 to renew my subscription for that paper which stands up for the soldiers' rights—THE TRIBUNE. — Henry Johnson, Deep

Inclosed please find \$9 for nine new subscribers to THE TRIBUNE.—F. Charlesworth, Beloit, Kan. Inclosed please find \$8 for eight new subscribers to The Thisuae.—S. S. Boggs, Surrey, Rooks Co.,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Gist of His Recommendations to

Congress. The President's message was transmitted to Congress on Tuesday afternoon. The first part of it is entirely occupied with the discussion of our diplomatic relations, but no facts are presented or suggestions made of a new and novel

mestic affairs, the President says: THE NATIONAL FINANCES. dition of the country

for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1883, amounted Whereof there was received-From customs...... \$213,706,496 93 From internal rev-

. 144,720,268 93 From sales of public 7,955,864 42 From tax on circulation and deposits of national banks.. 9,111,008 85 From profits on coinage, bullion depos-

its, and assays 4,460,205 17

From other sources. 17,333,637 60 For the same period the ordinary \$22,343,285 76 For civil expenses. 2,419,275 24 7,362,590 34 For foreign intercourse..... For Indians 66,012,573 64 for pensions... For the military establishment, ineluding river and harbor improvements and arsenals...... For the naval establishment, in-

cluding vessels, machinery, and improvements at new yards or miscellaneous expenditures, including public buildings, lighthouses, and collecting the rev-40,098,432 73 For expenditures on account of the

3.817 028 48 District of Columbia For interest on the public debt 59,160,131, 25

Leaving a surplus revenue of, ., \$132,879,444 41 Which, with an amount drawn from the cash balance in the 1,299,312 55 Treasury of \$134,178,756 96

Making Was applied to the redemption-Of bonds for the sinking-fund Of fractional currency for the sink-Of funded loan of 1881, continued 65,380,250 00 continued at 3½ per cent...... Of funded loan of 1907...... Of funded loan of 1881,..

Of loan of February, 1861..... Of loan of July and August, 1861..... Of loan of March, 1863..... Of loan of July, 1882... Of five-twenties of 1862. Of five-twenties of 1864 Of five-twenties of 1865 ... Of ten-forties of 1854..... Of consols of 1867. Of consols of 1868. Of Oregon war debt ... Of refunding certificates Of old demand, compound-interest,

Total receipts for the current fiscal \$343,000,000 00 year, actual and estimated... Total expenditures, actual and es-85,000,000 00

and other notes.

Estimated amount due the sinking 45,816,741 07

If the revenue for the fiscal year, which will end on June 30, 1885, be estimated upon the basis of existing laws, the Secretary is of the opinion that the ordinary expenditures including the amount devoted to the sinking fund.

SURPLUS REVENUES.

The President is of the opinion that no steps loward a further reduction of taxation should standing behind the bed of flowers which, sent House committee in waiting on the President be taken by Congress at this session, however, soldier. Those that came through all right and natil the full effect of the reduction al- and got married, do not need it; but those In the House, the contested Mississippi elec- a portion at least of the surplus revenues may tion case of Chalmers versus Manning was re- | be wisely applied to the long-neglected duty of ferred to the Committee on Elections, as also rehabilitating our navy and providing coast the papers in the Kansas election case. The defenses for the protection of our harbors.

What legislation is needed regarding the national currency? The aggregate amount of bonds now on deposit in the Treasury to support the national bank circulation is about \$350,000,000. Nearly \$200,000,000 of this amount consists of three per cents,, which are payable at the pleasure of the Government and are likely to be called in the surplus revenues shall be diminished.

McPherson, of Pennsylvania; for sergeant-at- tirement of the securities which are the basis Mr. Anthony's election. So anxious has the I enruestey invoke your assistance in the enforcement of the rules adopted for the government of keeper, W. P. Brownlow, of Tennessee; for a contraction of the volume of the currency as to produce grave commercial embarrassments. effectual plan, and one whose adoption at the he fell in a faint at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. early date.

approve, has already been indicated. through with. At 2:10 the House took a re- be kept substantially commensurate with the elected for the fifth time and wanted sorely to operate with me in every proper effort to preserve order and to facilitate the business of legislation I coss to listen to the reading of the President's expenses, the volume of circulation will not be round up the full thirty years. likely to suffer any material disturbance.

come necessary either to substitute some other | been a high liver and is afflicted with Bright's form of currency in place of the national bank- disease of the kidneys. notes, or to make important changes in the It is not unlikely that his illness will prelaws by which their circulation is now conferable. I commend to your attention the very | officers.

interesting and thoughtful suggestions upon this subject which appear in the Sccretary's re-

insuperable.

afford the necessary relief.

THE TRADE DOLLAR

The President recommends that provision be made for the reception of trade dollars by The Christmas number of the Wide Awake, the Treasury and the mints, as bullion, at a In referring to the report of the Secretary of

> THE NAVY. In regard to the necessity for maintaining a respectable navy the President says: It is no part of our policy to create and maintain a navy slide to cope with that of the other great

> powers of the world We have no wish for foreign conquest, and the peace which we have long enjoyed is in no seemag danger of interruption. But that our naval strength should be made adequate for the defense of our harbors, the protection of our commercial interests, and the maintenance of our national honor, is a proposition from which no patriotic citizen can withhold his assent.

POSTAL MATTERS. In referring to the report of the Postmaster-General, the President dissents from the latter's recommendation in favor of a postal telegraph, but recommends that the postage on local letters be reduced to one cent. The President indorses the Attorney-Gen-

eral's recommendation that the statutes as to

fees of witnesses and those regulating the compensation of district attorneys and marshals shourd be amended. PENSIONS. In reviewing the report of the Secretary of the Interior, the President says:

recommendations for the repeal of the pre-emption and timber-culture acts, and for more stringent legislation to prevent frauds under the pension laws. The statutes which prescribe the definitions and punishments of crimes relating to pensions could doubtless be made more effective by certain

ndments and additions which are pointed out in the Secretary's report. He also renews his recommendation for the extension of Federal aid to the States to check the growth of illiteracy.

POLYGAMY. In regard to the Utah Commission he admits it is a failure, and adds:

I am convinced, however, that polygamy has besome so strongly intrenched in the Territory of Utah that it is profitless to attack it with any but | in the treasury, having received \$4,184,376.25 the stoutest weapons which constitutional legisla-tion can fashion. I favor, therefore, the repeal of the actupon which the existing government decharacter. Coming to the consideration of dopends, the assumption by the national legislature of the entire political control of the Territory, and The report of the Secretary of the Treasury gives a full and interesting exhibit of the financial con-He also again calls the attention of Congress to the necessity of legislating for the regula-

.. \$398,287,581 95 | tion of railway trailic and the forests on the public domain. As for the civil service reform, he says the annual report of the Civil Service Commission, which will soon be submitted to Congress, will | doubtless afford the means of a more definite | missioner of charities, and advise increased ap judgment than he is now prepared to express propriations to the Industrial Home School

> beneficial. He is especially strenuous in urging upon Congress the passage of such laws as may be the suppression of the advertisements of lotternecessary to fix the Presidential succession in lies in the District. They ask for power to the event of death or disability, and enable | change or amend the ordinances of the former the Executive to veto parts of acts without corporations and of the legislative assembly in disapproving the entire act.

CIVIL RIGHTS.

He closes with the following recommendations in regard to the enforcement of the objects of the Fourteenth Amendment:

The Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution confers the rights of citizenship upon all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof. It was the special purpose of this amendment to insure to members of the colored race the full enjoyment of civil and harbor. They suggest that the District be alpolitical rights. Certain statutory provisions intended to secure

the enforcement of those rights have been recently declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Any legislation whereby Congress may lawfully supplement the guarantees which the Constitution affords for the equal enjoyment by all the citizens of the United States of every right, privilege, and immunity of citizenship will receive my unhesitating approval.

SMALL TALK

About Men and Things. Congressman Calkins, of Indians, will take

a prominent part as a member of the House of Representatives this winter. He was an officer of an Iowa and then an Indiana regiment, members of the Grand Army of the Republic 20,594,600 00 and served seven months in Libby Prison.

I asked him yesterday whether a bill would | thur has kindly brought the subject to the fa-18,000 00 | be passed by this Congress to pension the pris-266,600 00 oners of war.

anything they want. They never can be paid | sion on Saturday next, at 2 o'clock p. m. 9,600 00 for months of horrors at Andersonville or The Grand Army of the Republic will escort 133,550 00 Libby. I know all about it. The time spent | the veterans to and from the Executive Manthere was taken right out of a man's life. No 154,650 00 one can describe it. I look back at it now as a horrible dream that makes me shudder. I think the prisoners ought to be pensioned, and, 13,300 00 in addition to that, they ought to be paid for \$124,178,756 96 | the time spent there after their terms of enlistments expired. Many of them were in prison long after they would have been out of the service, had they not been captured, unless they

to pension the nurses?" I asked.

"God bless the women!" ejaculated the Major. "I don't know what would have become of us if they had not been on hand to take for that year the receipts will exceed by \$60,000,000 | care of us. I believe that wherever they went twenty-five per cent. less men died in the hoscourse they should be pensioned just like a are children dependent upon those who to New Jersey for prosecution. Immediately associated with the financial them after all. I don't suppose there subject just discussed is the important question: are 5,000 of them now who would be the beneficiaries of any law passed to pension them."

Some little delay in the final organization of the Senate is likely to ensue this session, ow- over \$200,000; insurance only \$50,000. ing to the precarious physical condition of Mr. Anthony, of Rhode Island. Senator Edmunds within less than four years, unless meantime was elected President pro tempore of the Senate last spring, with the understanding that The probable effect of such an extensive re- he was to resign at this time to make way for latter been to begin his fifth term that he left cont that it has been before, and without your resolution having been adopted, the officers earliest practicable opportunity I shall heartily later years to equal Tom Benton in the larget later years to equal Tom Benton in the length If the revenues of the next four years shall of his service in the Senate. He has just been

In appearance Mr. Anthony has a kindly as-But if, on the other hand, there shall be pect, a full rotund form, florid complexion, laxgreat delay in reducing taxation, it will be. uriant silvery hair and blue eyes. He has

vent the organization of the Senate till after the holidays, and that, in the meantime, the | paid up and surplus of \$925,000. In my judgment the latter course is far pre- | body will proceed to business with its present

The House of Representatives which has assembled this week contains some remarkable The objections which he urges against the characters, one of whom-perhaps the most acceptance of any other securities than the ob- famous man in America in proportion to his ligations of the Government itself as a founda- public services—is Major Thomas P. Ochiltree, tion for national bank circulation, seem to me of Texas. His father was a well-known lawyer and orator of the old republic and For averting the threatened contraction two the early days of the State. Tom incourses have been suggested, either of which is | herited his genius in great part, but has failed bonds, having many years to run, bearing alow is famous for two things chiefly. First, he Something About What is Going Ou in Other Land law repealing the tax on circulation, and per- | the distinction of being "the other two" out

he always lives. He is equally at home in third of Hicks Pasha's troops, including the Washington, Saratoga, New York, London, or | English officers, were killed in the recent battle. Paris, where his friends, of whom he has thou- The others are said to be encamped at Rahad. sands, are always ready to receive and enter- - O'Donnell probably will be hanged on tain him, without money and without price. December 17. A letter from Cardinal McCabe organization by 50,000 majority from a district | in Wexford, Ireland, has attempted to set fire in which he has never, to this time, lived a to the theater where the evangelical service stalwart figure towering about six feet six, a service there .--- A Mussulman fanatic, with piercing black eye, and a brogue is a sure pass- 2,000 Turcomans, has invaded Persia. --- An port when the Irish may apply. He is a Demo- insurrectionary plot has been discovered in a crat, yet ran against the nominee of his party, garrison of soldiers at Barcelona, Spain .- A and an American in sympathy, yet his dearest fire in Liverpool warehouses entailed a loss of He is by profession a journalist, yet Bob Inger- | which he refrained from opening .- Patrick soil or Emory Storrs cannot hold an audience O'Donnell has been found guilty of the murder from the rostrum more enraptured by their of Carey, the informer, and sentenced to death. eloquence than can Finerty. He has traveled He received his sentence in a passionate out-

most useful men in Congress. Mr. Spofford, Librarian of Congress, has his soul bent upon the erection of a National Library building. To enforce the need of it books ten feet in height all around the gallery of Statuary Hall. Every time a member passes medation for the great library of over 400,000 volumes stored in the west wing of the Capitol.

Not much, if anything, will be done by the House of Representatives till after Christmas. It will take two weeks for Speaker Carlisle to fix up the committees. His trouble has only just begun with his election.

The Earl of Lytton has written six poems of considerable length for the Youth's Companion. Zeigler, Lancaster, Kan. They are strongly characteristic of the author I particularly call your attention to his presenta-tion of certain phases of the Indian question, to his has ever made to an American periodical. of "Lucile," and are the first contributions he

Capital Topics--Crimes and Casualties. Personal and Political.

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia submitted their annual report to the President on the 28th ult. They opened the year with \$446,411.73 and closed it with \$161,580.29 and spent \$3,722,798.94. Their details of the operations of the various branches of the District government have been anticipated by the various reports of their subordinates. They urge laws to expedite the collection of special taxes; ask that license laws should be so amended as to embrace such occupations and pursuits as directly require the supervision of the police and sanitary authorities, and also include others entailing special charge and expense, and embracing in their details a largely increased license upon the liquor traffic. They urge that they be authorized to appoint a com as to the merits of the new system. He is also that Congress should make some provision persuaded that its effects have thus far proved | for including in the public school system some provision for manual and industrial as well as intellectual training. They advise a law for matters which relate to police, health and fire regulations. Provisions for disabled firemen. contracts for garbage removal extending over a term of years, and the erection of a new District building are considered matters for the favorable action of Congress. They think that they should have power to make the river front lots, now granted for private business, pay a public revenue, and they wish, at the same time, more ample powers to control the shipping in the lowed to tax the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal property; that all suits against the District for injuries shall be required to begin within three months after the injury occurs, and they advise that actions for damages in case of the death of a person by the wrongful act of another be authorized here. They propose that Congress shall require each street lamp to be lit 3,000 hours instead of 2,200 hours, as now, and that the Ingersoil bill for regulating railroads in this District may be passed.

In response to the request of the National Association of Mexican War Veterans for leave of absence to members of that organization employed in the Departments during the Reunion of the 6th, 7th, and 8th instants, and also to for Saturday, the 8th instant, President Arvorable attention of the Cabinet, and, further, in compliance with the expressed wishes of the veterans, he informs them that he will be Said he: "I am in favor of doing almost pleased to receive them at the Executive Man-

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES

Frederick G. Hoffman, left Bethlehem, Pa., on the 29th ult. for parts unknown. It appears that he applied at the Pension Office at Washington for a pension, which he claimed was due to a deceased brother, who, he represented, was killed while in service in the United States navy during the late war. Hoffman forged the names of Rev. H. A. Schultz, C. W. Krause, John C. Weber, notary public, and C. M. Anstett, justice of the peace. On "What do you think about the proposition | Tuesday last Dectective Kelley, of Philadelphia, arrived in Bethlehem, and discovered that the signatures were forged, and that Hoffman never had a brother in the navy.

The Commissioner of Pensions has notified people that no one is allowed to collect money as an agent of that department for his services as a special examiner. The notification was pitals! These Catholic sisters-how they came | issued to warn persons against a man who calls among us like angels. Pension them! Of | himself Captain J. W. Jenks, alias Moore. This individual has been traveling through country towns representing himself to be a special agent of the Pension Office, and collecting money from applicants for pensions. He was recently ready made can be ascertained, he suggests that who incurred disabilities, or where there apprehended at Marietta, Pa., and will be taken

died, should be rated on the rolls just | A fire in the Mansard roof of the Masonic like soldiers. There are not many of Temple, at Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, New York, on the 1st inst., caused a damage of about \$200,000 to the building and

A disastrous fire occurred at Ocala, Fla., on the morning of the 29th ult. caused by the upsetting of a lamp in a store there. The loss is

PERSONAL. Miss May Drexel, only surviving daughter of Mr. A. J. Drexel, the Philadelphia banker, was married in Baltimore on the 28th ult. to Mr. Chas. Stewart, son of Mr. T. McIntosh Stewart. The presents made a magnificent display, and included several valuable gifts from friends abroad. The newly married couple left home last week, when in a very feeble condi- early in the afternoon on their tour. They How can this danger be obviated? The most | tion, and traveled as far as New York, where | contemplate an extended trip to Europe at an

> General Jeremy F. Gilmer, a prominent citizen of Savannah, Ga., died on the 1st inst. He was a graduate of West Point and an officer in the old army, and afterwards a general in the Confederate service. He was president of the Savannah Gaslight Company, and a director of the Georgia Central Railroad.

> General W. L. Elliott is now vice-president and one of the directors of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, one of the largest institutions in the country, with a capital

> Rev. Warren H. Cudworth, paster of the Church of Our Savior (Unitarian) in East Bos-

ton, dropped dead, Thanksgiving Day, while offering prayer. Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., has purchased an apartment house on Seventy-third street, New York,

east of Third avenue, for \$110,000. Congressman Foran, of Cleveland, is writing

THE OLD WORLD.

A special cable dispatch to the Sun from Rome states positively that the subject of a nuncio to the United States was not considered ---It is semi-officially announced that England, experience about the lobby of the hotels, where | men. It is reported from Kordofen that one-Another remarkable man is John F. Finerty, has been read in the Catholic churches in Dubof Chicago, elected without a nomination or an lin denouncing Irish secret societies.——A mob day. He is about forty years of age, with a was being held and attacked persons attending object in life is to do something to rain the £60,000 .- M. de Lesseps on Monday received temporal fortunes of her majesty, the Queen. | an informal machine in the form of a box, the world over, and really will be one of the burst, and was taken struggling from the court-room. --- Mr. Leon Say has been elected president of the French Senate, to succeed M. Waddington.

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